

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

What is claimed is:

Claim 1 (original)

A method for generating phosphorothioate oligo mixtures comprising:

- 1) growing a single-stranded recombinant DNA phage in modified media that uses thio-phosphate as a source of phosphate
- 2) harvesting the single-stranded phage and purifying the DNA corresponding to the recombinant DNA insert
- 3) fragmentation of the insert DNA such that oligo mixtures spanning the entire length of the segment are generated.

Claim 2 (original)

The method of claim 1 used to generate phosphorothioate ds DNA, ss DNA, and/or RNA by in vivo incorporation of thio-phosphate into nucleotide precursor pools.

Claim 3 (original)

The method of claim 1 used to generate ds DNA, ss DNA, or RNA partially substituted with phosphorothioate linkages by culturing cells in media consisting of a mixture of thio-phosphate and inorganic phosphate.

Claim 4 (amended)

The method of claim 1 wherein the cells cultured in thio-phosphate media or induced to uptake thio-phosphate are of prokaryotic or eukaryotic origin.

Claim 5 (original)

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The method of claim 1 using other derivatives of phosphate such as those substituted with one or more sulfur group, methyl group or other moiety.

Claims 6-13 (canceled)